Feature Focus - March

"TRANSFORMING"

Campaign Visitors Contact Every Church in the Conference

As a part of the Transforming Churches Transforming Lives Campaign for the Southeast Conference visitors have contacted every church in the conference to invite them to be a part of this initiative to strengthen and build our ministries. We have asked visitors to share reflections on their experiences. Many have reported that it is exciting for them to get to know other churches in the conference and hearing stories about their ministries.

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One visitor reported "I met with a group of leaders one of whom said after hearing the presentation, 'what an opportunity for our church! We can strengthen our identity as a UCC church, retire our debt, do the work we need to do on our sanctuary, and build up the Conference which wants to help us become even stronger!'" One leader understood that this was not just a campaign about the conference it was a campaign about all of us… we are the conference together.

Another visitor reflected on her visit to two of our historically American Missionary Association churches. She said; "it gave me a special sense of pride as I sat in the sanctuaries of these two African-American churches. I could not help but feel the presence of proud, courageous African-Americans who paved the way for me to enjoy to freedoms with which I am blessed. I came away from these meetings having received much more than a positive commitment of support for the campaign. I was deeply moved by the depth of the allegiance these small congregations have for our Conference."

Visiting a small church in South Alabama, another reported; "We met a pastor who is really isolated from any other UCC congregation. In spite of this isolation he said: "no matter what comes or goes, I'll die a proud member of the UCC!" At the end of the visit I felt that I had been in a family reunion with a long lost cousin. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to visit."

Many people spotted themselves in the video that has been made for the campaign. Members of one new church start saw videos of themselves, and understood in new ways that they were full and important members of the Conference. Some were hesitant when the visitor first approached them, but then recognized that this campaign was about them, supporting them, and building other churches which like theirs. Their church is the first presence of the United Church of Christ in their part of the state. Together many are discovering that this is not a campaign about a "them", far away, but it is about us, and how we are church faithfully together in "such a time as this".

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